GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3335
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PAYMENT OF DUES TO PORTERS DEPLOYED IN KARGIL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of army porters deployed during the Kargil conflict;

(b) whether these porters have not been paid their dues so far;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to ensure that their dues are paid without further delay and they are employed on regular basis;

(d) whether some of these porters laid down their lives in helping the Army; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the compensation paid to their wards?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (e): A Statement is annexed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3335 16.3.2000

In June, 1999, the Government had sanctioned adhoc mobilisation plan units for deployment in connection with the war-like situation in the Kargil region. These units also included deployment of porters. A total of 2677 porters were recruited in the 6 porter companies, purely on contractual basis, for 6 months. The recruitment was done by the local army establishments in the area.

All the 6 porter companies have since been disbanded. All the porters have been paid their dues for the period of their employment. However, payment in respect of porters who had deserted has been deposited with the treasury.

As per the information furnished by the AHQ, the following 7 porters were killed during the Kargil conflict:-

(i) Shri Kamlesh Kumar S/o Shri Banarsi Dass of village Rehmbel, PO Garhi, Tehsil & Distt. Udhampur, J&K.

(ii) Shri Deler Singh S/o Shri Suram Singh of village Kolaha, Tehsil & Distt. Udhampur, J&K.

(iii) Shri Paduman Singh S/o Shri Danter Singh of Village Kolaha, Tehsil & Distt. Udhampur, J&K.

(iv) Shri Madan Singh S/o Shri Dhurub Singh of Village Kolaha, Tehsil & Distt. Udhampur, J&K.

(v) Shri Syam Singh S/o Shri Suraj Singh of Village Mahhi Post Tandhol, Tehsil Ramnager, Distt. Udhampur, J&K.

(vi) Shri Khangada Bhadur Bhadari S/o Shri Chabi Lal of village Birandadar Nagar, Nagar Palika, Zone Bheri Post Surakhpu (Nepal).

(vii) Shri Tesring Phunchek S/o Shri Eshey Namgyal of village Chuchol PO & Distt. Leh (J&K).

A compensation of Rs. 2 lakhs for the next of kin of those killed would be paid before the 31st March 2000.